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PATENT APPLICATION
10/770,938

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

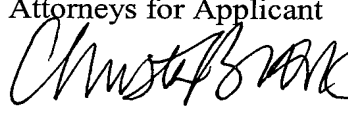
In re Application of: Clinton R. Vedders
Serial No.: 10/770,938
Filed: February 3, 2004
Group No.: 2837
Examiner: Jeremy Austin Luks
Notice of Allowance Mailed: June 15, 2007
Confirmation No.: 1628
Title: ACCELERATED WEIGHT DROP FOR USE AS A SEISMIC
ENERGY SOURCE AND A METHOD OF OPERATION
THEREOF

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P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's allowance of Claims 2-4, 7, 9, 10, 14, 40-56, 58-69, and 74-79. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicant respectfully issues a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicant does not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,
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